



Rocky Mountain Engine Academy 2017

Subject: Rocky Mountain Engine Academy Participant Selections

To: Selected Students

Cc: Students' Fire Management Officer

Congratulations! You have been selected to attend the 2017 Rocky Mountain Engine Academy (RMEA), which will be held in Guernsey, Wyoming on the Army National Guard Camp Guernsey facility from April 24th to May 4th. The complete list of accepted students is included in this document and will be posted on the RMEA website.

Leaders Intent:

The mission of the interagency Rocky Mountain Engine Academy (RMEA) is to provide quality, cost effective training to enhance the safety, professionalism and performance of wildland fire engine operators. The academy focusses on driving skills, the mitigation of maintenance concerns, as well as provide a strong foundation for our engine workforce to continue to make risk informed decisions. We are committed to produce a learning, mentoring and professional academy for our students so they can return to their home units to pass on the information to other engine personnel.

General Requirements:

Students must have in their possession at registration a **Valid State Driver's License** that meets their State's requirements for vehicle operation. Due to heightened security this year, all academy participants are highly encouraged to bring their agency issued ID (if they have one). Additionally, individuals assigned to Type-3/ Type-4 Engine Companies during the academy will need to provide a valid commercial driver's license or permit and a current medical card.

FMOs – Please contact [Brandon Selk](#) (email) or by phone at 605-645-3865, to determine if your selected student should be assigned to a heavy engine company (effects driving only). With limited driving space at Camp Guernsey we can only accommodate 2 engine companies with 4 students per company for a total of 8. Please consider employees that are only assigned to a heavy engine. Please respond by C.O.B on April 19, 2017.

Student Effort and Conduct

The academy will require maximum effort from the students to receive a passing grade. Students are expected to participate, ask questions, assist other students, and study. Final test and drill scores will be provided to the Steering Committee and each student's fire management unit.

Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated at the RMEA and individuals who create problems will be sent home. The Steering Committee will follow up with the student's home unit about the incident.

Student Time

Students must negotiate with their home unit for compensation for any time worked over their base 80 hours during this training.

Lodging & Meals:

Student lodging will be provided. The students will be staying with other students in a dorm room type environment with shared shower and restroom facilities. **Students need to bring a pillow, bedding/sleeping bag, and towel.**

The student meals at the academy will be provided. The only per diem students will be entitled to will be daily incidentals and travel to and from Guernsey; **these student per diem cost will be covered by their home unit.**

Draft Academy Schedule: (Times subject to change)

April 24th Student Travel (please arrive between 1500-1730*)

April 25st - May 3rd RMEA Class (0800-1700**) ½ lunch

May 4th Academy Ends at 1200 (travel home)

**Students will go through a check-in procedure when they arrive.*

***Some days may run longer with optional evening activities (e.g. hydraulics, drafting, and driving).*

Focused study sessions will be scheduled after hours for students seeking additional assistance.

Uniform and Equipment:

While at the Engine Academy, students will be requested to wear:

1. Agency uniform shirt
2. Name tag - Agency provided or a temporary name tag which will be provided while in the classroom.
3. Wildland Fire BDU pants
4. 8'' boots - during classroom and field exercises
5. Yellow fire shirt – during field exercises
6. Hard hat - during field exercises

Additional Equipment for Students:

1. Bring clear safety glasses or goggles, fire shelter, and appropriate initial attack line gear, gloves and a hose clamp.
2. Have a raincoat, jacket, and coveralls.
3. Weather in the area can be quite variable at this time of year. It is recommended that all trainees be prepared for warm, wet and/or cool weather!

If you have any questions regarding any of the above information please contact either:

Jason Virtue, Incident Commander, Cell: 605-673-1926 Email: jvirtue@fs.fed.us

Matt Norden, Deputy Incident Commander, Cell: 719-429-6583 Email: mnorden@blm.gov

Rocky Mountain Engine Academy Steering Committee,

/s/Scott McDermid (R2-USFS)

/s/Brian Achziger (CO-BLM)

/s/Paul Hohn (WY-BLM)

Below are the 32 accepted students and two alternates for the 2017 RMEA. If you have any questions about student selections please contact your agency Steering Committee Representative.

In Alphabetical Order per Agency

BLM-CO
1. Daniel Contreras
2. Brennon Ellis
3. Bryce MacLennan
4. Paul Matouka
5. Brandon Range
6. Kerry Webster
BLM-WY
1. Derek Higgins
2. Calvin Hoffman
3. Don Juan Kilmer
4. Roland Lloyd
5. Patrick Mitchell
6. Steve Rogers
7. Matt Schauland
8. Matthew Widiker
USFS-R2
1. Chad Bakken
2. Andrew Belairs
3. Tobey Bishop (FS nom-FWS employee)
4. Craig Brown
5. Edwin Clark
6. Jael Constantino
7. Amanda Disman
8. Tim Downham
9. Theo Engel
10. Glenn Engelhaupt
11. Brandon Fischer
12. Cory Fischer
13. Josh Hoffman
14. Matt Kampf
15. Shea Koch
16. Andrew Laudie
17. David Potts
18. Derek Ruth
Alternates
1. Doud, Alexander
2. Rackham, Forrest